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SUBJECT:NAMIBIA: DRAFT COVER LETTER FOR SOUTH AFRICA

REF: USUN 1048

1. ALTHOUGH WE FIND UK DRAFT COVERING LETTER TO SOUTH
AFRICA (TEXT REFTEL) OVERLY APOLOGETIC REGARDING CONTACT
GROUP PROPOSALS, IN THE INTEREST OF TIME WE DO NOT
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BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO REDRAFT TEXT.

2. CONSEQUENTLY, YOU MAY ACCEPT UK TEXT WITH EXCEPTION
OF FOLLOWING TWO POINTS:

A) WE FIND PARAGRAPH 13 AS CURRENTLY DRAFTED MUCH TOO
NEGATIVE REGARDING CONTACT GROUP PROPOSAL. THE BEST

SOLUTION WOULD BE TO DROP FOURTH, FIFTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH
AND FINAL SENTENCES SO THAT PARAGRAPH WILL READ AS FOLLOWS:

"WE RECOGNIZE THAT OUR PROPOSAL MAY NOT BE ACCEPTABLE IN
ALL DETAILS TO ANY OF THE PARTIES. IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS
OVER THE PAST NINE MONTHS, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED MORE COMMON
GROUND THAN WE THOUGHT POSSIBLE. INEVITABLY, HOWEVER,
THERE ARE MATTERS ON WHICH YOU HAVE RESERVATIONS.

NEVERTHELESS IT IS NOW A QUESTION OF POLITICAL WILL.
WE INTEND TO LAY OUR PROPOSAL BEFORE THE SECURITY
COUNCIL IN DUE COURSE, AND WE HOPE THAT THE COUNCIL
WILL ACT UPON IT." IF BRITISH OR OTHERS OBJECT TO
ELIMINATION OF FINAL SENTENCE, WE COULD AGREE TO ITS
INCLUSION PROVIDED IT IS RECAST ALONG THE LINES OF:
"ON THE BASIS OF OUR EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS, WE BELIEVE
THAT OUR PROPOSAL WILL GAIN WIDE APPROVAL IN THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AND THAT THERE WILL BE
SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT FOR US TO PURSUE OUR EFFORTS."

B) IN PARAGRAPH 15, WE SUGGEST THAT THE WORD
"POSITIVE" BE ADDED IN THE FIRST SENTENCE BETWEEN
"ENORMOUS" AND REPERCUSSIONS."

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